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SOLICITED FUNDS FOR
YARDMEN'S BANQUET

Employees of Chesapeake and Ohio Are Charged With False Pretenses.

Following an investigation yesterday by officials of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, together with officers from the First Police Station, and special operatives of the road, C. E. Brown, assistant yardmaster in Fulton; J. H. Bradley and S. H. Boone were arrested charged with securing money under false pretenses.

The men are alleged to have collected funds from leading firms and business men of the city for the annual banquet of the yardmen of Richmond. Officials of the road and members of the local chapter of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen denied any connection with the scheme, and said that they knew of no banquet to be held. It is said that arrangements had been made at a downtown hotel for a banquet for fifty persons that would cost about \$25. The total amount secured by the men will not be known until a complete investigation is made, but will probably aggregate several hundred dollars, it is said.

Among those contributing were the Overman-Williamson Co., Bingham & Co., Richmond Cold Storage Company, and the Export Leaf Tobacco Company. Most of these concerns gave \$5 each, according to Luther L. Scherer, chief special agent, while Stephen H. Ellison & Co. gave \$10 to the banquet. The last named item is mentioned with the others in the warrant sworn out and served by officers of the First Precinct Station.

The accused men were admitted to bail.

Requisition Issued.

Governor Stuart on yesterday issued requisition papers upon Governor E. C. Harrington, of Maryland, for John Mero, alias Charles Smith, wanted in Fairfax County for burglary. Mero is in jail in Baltimore. James R. Allison, sheriff of Fairfax County, is designated as the officer to return the prisoner to this State for trial.

Tinder Is Acquitted.

Ray Webster Tinder, alias Jap, a young man who gave his residence as Norfolk, was yesterday released in Police Court upon a charge of having entered the store of Kirk-Parrish Co., 827 East Broad Street. Raymond Hite was recently convicted of robbing the store and sentenced to five years in the penitentiary.

Honors Regulation.

Governor Stuart on yesterday honored requisition papers from Governor Henry D. Hatfield, of West Virginia for Criss Henderson, wanted in Cabell County, W. Va., for felonious shooting and who is in jail in Hopewell. A. H. Bennett, of West Virginia, came for the prisoner.

SPEAK IN BEHALF OF
LAYMEN'S CONVENTION

General Chairman Sands Says Episcopal Registration Equals That of Any Two Other Denominations.

Episcopal laymen of the city gathered in a denominational mass-meeting at Grace Church last night preparatory to the Virginia Convention of the Laymen's Missionary Movement, which begins February 12.

Graphic stories of the results of interdenominational missionary conventions in Norfolk and Baltimore were told by the speakers. Rev. David W. Howard, D. D., pastor of St. Luke's, Norfolk, spoke on "What the Laymen's Missionary Movement Means to Me." Rev. Myron B. Marshall, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Norfolk, and an address, "Why I Believe in the Laymen's Missionary Movement," was delivered by George G. Thomas, a vestryman in the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Baltimore.

General Chairman Oliver J. Sands, who presided, announced that registrations for the convention show a larger number from the Episcopal churches of the city than from any other two denominations.

MEETS TO PREPARE FOR
GRAND LODGE MEETING

Committee on Work Holds Initial Meeting at Masonic Temple, Preliminary to Annual Meeting.

The committee on work of the Grand Lodge of Virginia met in annual session yesterday in Hotel Richmond, and last night held its first session in the Masonic Temple for the explanation of the ritual. During the evening the committee conferred the masters' degree for Temple Lodge, No. 9, upon invitation of the worshipful master, M. E. Johns.

The committee will hold morning, afternoon and evening sessions until the convening of the Grand Lodge on Tuesday evening next.

The meetings for to-day and Monday are at 10 A. M., 2:30 P. M. and 8 P. M. at the Masonic Temple. The committee is composed of one lecturer and one member on work from each of the six divisions under the direct control of Grand Lecturer George W. Wright, of Marion. There were present at yesterday's session, in addition to the grand lecturer, William Lee Davis, Portsmouth; James Bowman, Roanoke; Thomas C. Nelson, Rustburg; Dr. John C. Pruner, Mendota; Dr. R. L. Page, Crozet; William P. Koyser, Luray; Charles G. Davis, Lincoln; Orlis W. Douglas, Beedsville; and Dr. S. T. A. Kent, of Halifax. The only absentee was Captain A. C. Gillett, of Norfolk, whose place was filled by Post Grand Master Dr. Joseph W. Eggleston, of Richmond.

URGES STEPS TO CHECK
TUBERCULOSIS RAVAGES

Senator Thomas S. Martin Commends Report of Virginia Commission.

PROBLEM OF NEGRO SERVANTS

Economic Loss to State From Ravages of Preventable Disease Is Enormous—Urges Extension of Facilities at Catawba.

United States Senator Thomas S. Martin yesterday sent the following letter to the Virginia Antituberculosis Association in acknowledgment of copy of its report just received by him.

"In response to your request that I give some expression of my views relative to the report of the tuberculosis commission appointed last year by His Excellency, Governor Henry C. Stuart, I beg to say that after glancing over the recommendations of the commission I feel that they are very sound and practical, and should commend themselves to the wise judgment of our legislators. They indicate a deal of painstaking effort on the part of the commission and suggest conservatism and reasonableness throughout.

"The very high death rate among the negroes from tuberculosis has been long recognized by persons at all familiar with the subject. As domestic servants they come into closest relations with our families, so that education and in this direction is of vast importance, to curb the ravages of the disease throughout the State. Prevention should be the watchword, and this can be best secured through the education of the public as to the methods and means whereby the spread of the disease may be prevented, in the ratio that preventive methods, or education, is disseminated will the decrease of tuberculosis in the State be found.

ECONOMIC LOSS IS
QUITE STARTLING

"Tuberculosis involves a long period of suffering, expense and waste upon its victims and their relations. In common with all public-spirited citizens, I feel that the deepest interest in a subject involving, as this does, security to the health and life of the people of Virginia. Apart from the humanitarianism, which in itself is impelling, in protecting our citizens from the suffering and misfortunes incident to tuberculosis, there is also to be considered the economic side of the question. As shown by the report of the commission, the loss to the State in 1914 through death from tuberculosis was not far short of \$2,000,000, and the cost for care of these decedents, during their illness, is placed at \$1,500,000. This economic loss is quite startling, but when it is remembered that its cause is preventable it becomes appalling.

"A remedy for the situation in Virginia is clearly pointed out in the recommendations of the commission, which plainly outline the necessary and essential beginnings in order successfully to combat the ravages of this dread disease on the health and life of so many of our citizens. I certainly hope that the report of the commission will receive at the hands of the legislature that careful consideration to which it is entitled. I have had personal opportunity to observe some of the fruits of the work done at the Catawba Sanatorium, and I believe, no mistake would be made by providing facilities for the extension of the work of that institution."

PARDONS ISSUED

Governor Acts on Recommendation of Trial Judge and Commonwealth's Attorney.

Governor Stuart on yesterday acted upon the following pardons: C. S. Ashford, convicted in January, 1915, in the Corporation Court of Lunenburg and sentenced to two years in the penitentiary for embezzlement, he was pardoned upon recommendation of Judge Christian and Commonwealth's Attorney. Walter Baldwin, convicted in October, 1915, in Grayson County of a felony assault and given one year in the penitentiary, was pardoned. He was convicted of having thrown a chair at a female relative, but missed her and hence the pardon. Judge Campbell and Commonwealth's Attorney. Harrison signed the application.

Mary Carter, convicted in March, 1915, and given eighteen months for forgery, was pardoned. J. E. Clements was a domestic in that home.

James Harris, convicted in the Norfolk Police Court November 29 and sentenced to six months for petty larceny, and Ed. Hodges, convicted in the Norfolk Corporation Court of assault and battery, with intent to kill, and sentenced to six months, were both pardoned upon recommendation of the Sergeant of Norfolk for having assisted in preventing an attempted jail delivery.

Charles E. Workman, convicted in Giles County, Virginia, 1913, of bigamy and sentenced to three years, was pardoned upon recommendation of Judge Hestley and Commonwealth's Attorney Snyder.

PITTS FOR TREASURER

Friends Say Albennele Delegate Will Be in Race—Three Other Candidates.

D. H. Pitts, representative from Albemarle County in the General Assembly, was on yesterday announced by his friends as a candidate for the office of State Treasurer. Mr. Pitts had not announced his own candidacy. He is subcommittee of the finance committee of the lower House and is president of the National Bank of Scottsville. State Treasurer A. W. Horner, Jr., is a candidate for the office. James B. Rott, of Roanoke, and George R. Kezelle, of Rockingham, are also candidates for the office.

Special Officer Named.

William C. Beall has been appointed a special officer of Henrico County by Judge R. Carter Scott and will be stationed at Highland Springs as a result of a petition of the citizens of this section.

SWISS AVIATOR MAKES
TWO FLIGHTS OVER CITY

In Bleriot Monoplane, John Domenjoz Climbs High Into Clouds.

WILL FLY AGAIN THIS MORNING

Loops the Loop Over Capitol Square and Circles Over Grounds of Several Public Schools, While Children Look On in Wonder.

John Domenjoz, the Swiss aviator, who is temporarily staying at William Byrd Park, and who is touring the country in the interest of the proper development of the service as a branch of the "preparedness" program of the nation, made two flights over Richmond on yesterday, which thrilled thousands of spectators, lining the streets and vacant places of the city.

It was near the noon hour when the hum of the motor attracted the attention of those of keen ears and, looking up, they saw the big Bleriot monoplane sweeping from over William Byrd Park towards the main business section of the city.

It was the recess hour of the pupils in the city schools, and there was no escaping their sharp eyes and ears. They saw the bird-man and they gazed with admiration at him as he circled and looped-the-loop several thousand feet in the air.

FLIES AS ONE WHO KNOWS HIS WORK

There did not seem to be any "air-pockets," for the aviator did not hesitate to risk his machine. He flew as one who knew his work and thrilled the thousands who stood watching as he swooped down for a thousand feet like a great hawk and then glided off at a terrific rate.

Again in the afternoon Mr. Domenjoz came from the hangar in the park and went up into the cooler air and again the crowds stood open-mouthed and with bent necks as he came soaring higher and higher into the thin air.

It was generally conceded that he was far cooler up in the ozone above Richmond than upon the ground, though the bird-man did not seem to be affected by the heat. He seemed, by, he let his great machine fly and he did not check the terrific hum of the engine until he had passed away from the main section of the city and was turning the nose of the craft eastward again.

To-day he will duplicate the feat of yesterday, weather conditions permitting, and the Capitol Square will be the scene of activities. As on yesterday, Mr. Domenjoz will circle high over the square, near the noon hour, and perform some of the feats which have made air-men generally regarded as the most daring and fearless among all professions.

SIGNS CHARTER BILL

Mayor Ainslie Approves Plan for Electing Special Commission to Revise Charter.

Mayor Ainslie yesterday signed the ordinance providing that the Legislature shall be requested to enact a law whereby 25 per cent of the voters in Richmond may petition for a change in the city charter and elect a charter change commission, whose recommendations shall be submitted to the popular vote.

The Mayor also signed the ordinance providing for a charter change, which would give life tenure to members of the Fire Department and the Fire Alarm Department, and which subjects them to removal for cause by the Board of Commissioners.

CHINESE REBELS DEFEATED

Peking Says Government Troops Will Have No Trouble in Restoring Order Without Delay.

WASHINGTON, February 4.—Victories in the Chinese rebellion were over rebels were announced in a dispatch from Peking to-day to the Chinese legation here.

"The government troops have routed the rebels in a skirmish near Suichow, having killed half of their number," says the dispatch. "Rebels in Yunnan have been surrounded. No difficulty will be experienced in the early restoration of order; an encircling movement has already begun. Peace now reigns in outer Mongolia."

A report that 2,000 Mongol insurgents had crossed the great wall and were marching towards Peking was denied.

SEVEN MEXICANS INDICTED

Charged With Conspiracy to Violate Neutrality Laws of United States.

NEW ORLEANS, February 4.—The Federal grand jury here to-day returned indictments against seven Mexicans, charging conspiracy to violate United States neutrality laws. Two are said to have been generals in Villa's army.

The indictments charge that last November the seven tried to ship war munitions from New Orleans into Mexico.

Casari Given Preliminary Hearing.

Louis Casari, charged with killing Pio Yon, was given a preliminary hearing yesterday at the Henrico Court-house and held for the grand jury by Magistrate H. S. Sunday, of Henrico County. Casari claims to have acted in self-defense.

Held for Grand Jury.

Harold Holmes, colored, was held for the grand jury yesterday by Magistrate H. S. Sunday, of Henrico County, charged with feloniously assaulting Mary Taylor with a rock on the Osborne Turnpike.

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One Pound Keeps Boy Out of Navy
Dumbarton Youth Takes Course in Water Drinking to Make Weight

One pound of flesh is all that is keeping a seventeen-year-old boy, who gave his address as Dumbarton, R. F. D. 2, from a job on one of Uncle Sam's battleships. The boy is undaunted and hopes to pick up the necessary poundage within the next few days, and Lieutenant Henry E. Parsons and the enlisted men of the United States Navy, who are on detached duty at the Recruiting Station at 805 East Main Street, are also hoping that the youth will be able to pass the necessary test the next time he gets on the scales.

A thin, sunburned, wiry country boy, in perfect health, except for a lack of weight, he first came to the Recruiting Station about six weeks ago. Chief Carpenter's Mate C. B. Kanode, who gives the preliminary examination, which consists in giving the many applicants the "once over," to judge their special fitness to become "A. B.s," which means in navy circles able-bodied seamen, thought that the boy would do, and so passed him on to Dr. M. Boland, for physical examination.

The requirements called for a weight of 110 pounds for a seventeen-year-old boy the height of the applicant. The beam tipped 103.

"You are underweight, my son," said the doctor. "Go home and drink plenty of water, get nine hours' sleep, and just eat as you should and you will pick up those seven pounds in a short time."

"Yes, sir, plenty of water," and the youthful applicant left. He returned a few days later and had gained one pound. Then came trip after trip, with fluctuations in the amount gained. Once he had lost a half a pound.

"You are worrying I off, son," the doctor said.

"He thinks as much about his weight as Joe Gans, the lightweight champion, and he had a forfeit of \$5,000 to make 132 pounds, ringside in the fight with Battling Nelson at Goldfield," said Kanode.

Lieutenant Parsons commented that many a stately society matron was paying real money to reduce weight instead of taking it on, and was worrying just as much as the sunburned farmer boy over the weight question.

Yesterday the youngster came the nearest to "making the weight." The beam tipped at 109. "By Golly, you all have got to say that I will weigh 110 pounds the next time that I come in here. I reckon that it was the dried apples and the water that I drank that brought me so close this time."

The recruiting station is still enlisting men for the navy, although the complement is almost filled. No applicant is turned down, because sailors are leaving the navy every day, when their enlistment runs out. The officers on Main Street have been enlarged in order to take care of the large number of applicants that will be examined this year.

WILL CLOSE ITS BOOKS

Commission to Panama-Pacific Exposition Preparing Its Report to Legislature.

The final meeting of the Virginia Commission to the Panama-Pacific Exposition will be held in the office of Governor Stuart on February 10 at 2 o'clock in the afternoon. At this time the final report will be made up for submission to the General Assembly. Captain W. W. Baker, who is chairman of the commission, has urged all members of the commission to be present. All the exhibits, except those sold, will arrive in Virginia on one car, though, as yet, they have not arrived. The expenses of unloading the various exhibits will be included in the final report to the General Assembly.

WOULD CUT DOWN BOARD

Powell Suggests Charter Change Reducing Number of Administrative Board to Four.

A special meeting of the Ordinance Committee to consider the proposal of Councilman Fred H. Powell, of Lee Ward, to reduce the membership of the Administrative Board has been called by Chairman Marx, of East Ward, for Monday afternoon at 5 o'clock.

Mr. Powell's ordinance provides for a charter change making the Board consist of only four members, and that in case of a tie, the Mayor shall be called in and shall be required to cast the deciding vote. At least two members of the board are in favor of the proposed ordinance, and will, so far as they can, urge its passage. The Civic Association is also said to be in favor of the ordinance, and pressure will be brought to bear on the committee to have it recommended to the City Council.

A Great Preacher Here

Rev. Samuel A. Eliot, D. D., of Boston, Mass., will preach Sunday morning at the Unitarian Church, Floyd Avenue and Harrison Street, "The Little Church on the Corner."

Dr. Eliot is the son of the great educator, Dr. Charles W. Eliot, President of Harvard University. He is a great son of a great father. For many years he has been the President of the American Unitarian Association. As a preacher he has that rare gift of presenting the language of the soul in strong, rugged, classic English. Embrace this opportunity to hear him Sunday morning.

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